

Local, state and federal agencies announce Carus, LLC chemical fire site in La Salle, Illinois moves to long-term cleanup

Federal and state Environmental Protection Agencies will oversee the cleanup by Carus

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La Salle, Illinois (January 13, 2023) – The City of La Salle, La Salle County Emergency Management Agency, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that the response to the chemical fire at the Carus LLC facility in La Salle, Illinois, has entered a long-term cleanup phase now that the fire is out. The company will conduct the cleanup under U.S. EPA and IEPA oversight.

Residents should use water when cleaning chemicals from the fire off their homes, cars, yards or other personal property. A hotline established by Carus will remain open and residents not able to wash away staining with water should call 815-224-6662 for assistance.

U.S. EPA air monitoring has ended and data show no levels of concern. Carus will continue air monitoring during cleanup. IEPA conducted water sampling and visual inspections of the Little Vermilion River finding no detections of chemicals of concern.

The La Salle Health Department encourages anyone with concerns about their health to contact their doctor. For questions about pets, contact your local veterinarian.

For more information, please visit the [[HYPERLINK "http://www.lasalle-il.gov/index.php/updates-regarding-carus-chemical-fire"](http://www.lasalle-il.gov/index.php/updates-regarding-carus-chemical-fire)], which includes links to air monitoring data.

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